

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-9 and 12-35 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over claims 1-20 of copending Application 11/885,371, now US Patent No. 7,757,676. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 (c) to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully reject withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of the pending claims. If it would be considered helpful in resolving any issues in the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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